

Consideration of the dedication of the Old Hamilton Road Nature Preserve in Wayne County

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 27.111 acre property that is in the southeast portion of Wayne County and approximately 2.5 miles southwest of the town of Richmond. This nature preserve protects an example of a high quality graminoid fen community. It is located within the Tipton Till Plain Section of the Central Till Plain Natural Region.

This Nature Preserve consists of topography that is characterized by a small stream valley deeply incised into rolling Wisconsin glacial deposits. Springs and seeps are frequent within the valley, with a significant fen wetland being the most prominent groundwater feature.

Noteworthy animals in this nature preserve include the State Endangered *Cordulegaster bilineata* – Brown Spiketail dragonfly, the State Rare *Tachopteryx thoreyi* – Gray Petaltail dragonfly, and the *Euphydryas phaeton* – Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly. Other animals of Special Concern include *Terrepene carolina*, the Eastern Box Turtle. A large population of the Showy Ladies' Slipper orchid, *Cypripedium reginae* is found in the sedge meadows of the fen.

There is a long cultural history in the area; the name comes from the 1820's destination of the Hamilton, OH market. The road passed thru a corner of the uplands and now is a barely discernable sunken track.

This tract is owned and managed by the Whitewater Valley Land Trust, Inc. Funding from the Bicentennial Nature Trust assisted with its acquisition.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

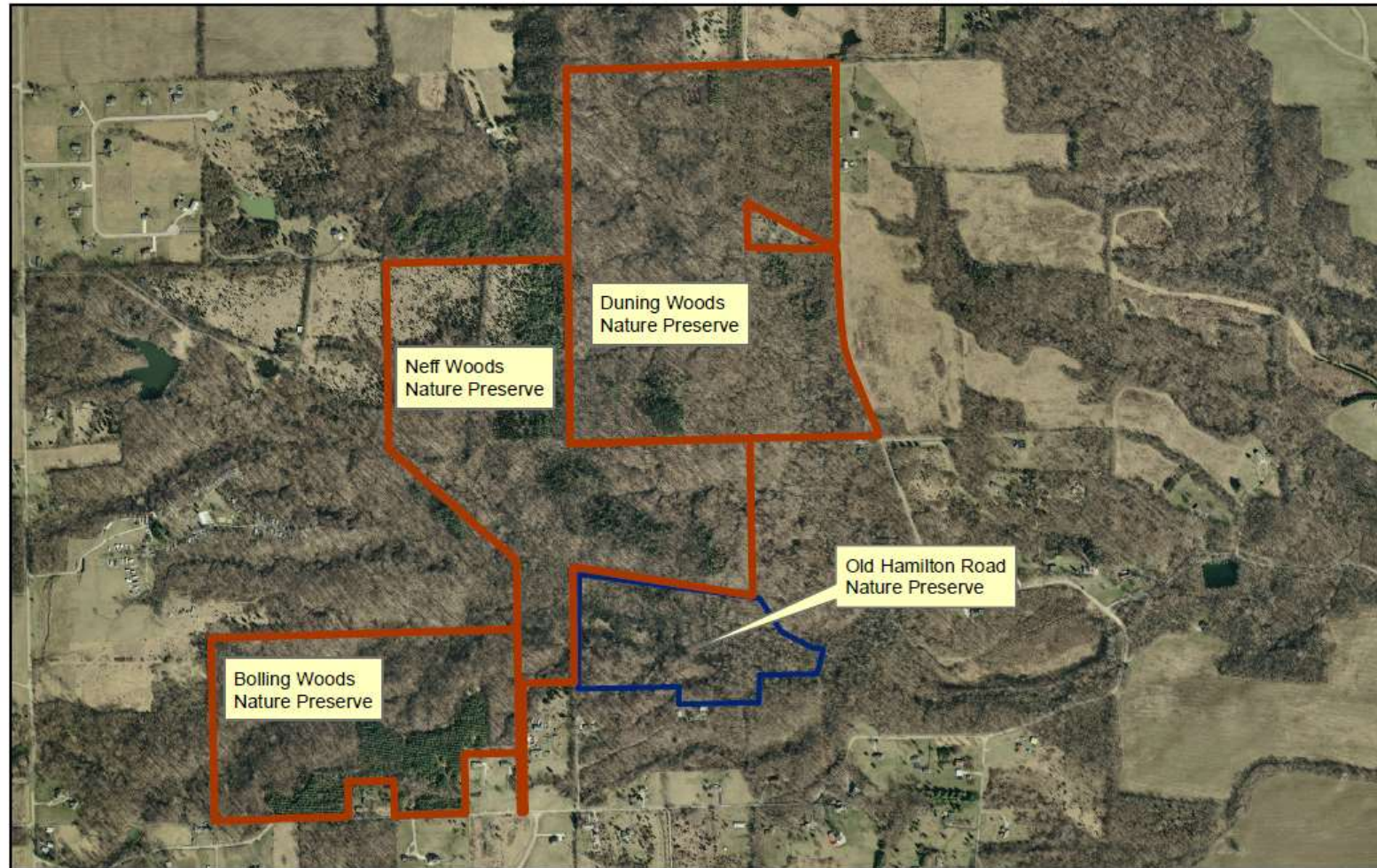
Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A.

Old Hamilton Road Nature Preserve

County: Wayne
Size: 27.111 acres

NRC Exhibit A

USGS Quad Map: Richmond
Ownership: Whitewater Valley Land Trust



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